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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. SUGGEST YOU ASK INR TO GET PROJECT CLEARANCES FOR VAN GILDER AND MOOSE SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM A FULL BRIEFING AND TOUR OF DAO. WE ASSUME THEY ALREADY HAVE THE OTHER CLEARANCES NECESSARY FOR A PROJECT CLEARANCE. WE SHOULD BE ADVISED OFFICIALLY WHEN THE CLEARANCES ARE ISSUED.

2. ON THE CANDIDATES FOR POL SLOTS WHICH WILL OPEN DURING 1978, WE THINK JOHN PARKER WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE TO REPLACE IGOR IN FEBRUARY 1978. BILL BROWN WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH DALE HERSPRING AND WOULD WELCOME HIS REPLACING JOE PRESEL IN THE SUMMER OF 1978. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FOR EITHER THE BELOUSOVITCH OR PRESEL SLOT IS OSCAR CLYATT, PRESENTLY IN LENINGRAD. YOU PROBABLY HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF JOE NEUBERT'S LETTER TO BILL BROWN, DATED FEBRUARY 11, DESCRIBING OSCAR'S INTEREST IN A MOSCOW TOUR IMMEDIATELY AFTER LENINGRAD AND HOME LEAVE. IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN PER'S AGREEMENT, BUT WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH CLYATT'S REPORTING OF
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THE LENINGRAD DISSIDENT SCENE. BILL KUSHLIS WOULD BE A GOOD MAN FOR PPO.

3. LATEST BLACKWELL-AVERIN TELEX, MARAD WA-77-0175, INDICATES THAT IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1977, THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT LIVED UP TO THEIR COMMITMENT TO MAKE UP THE 1975-76 GRAIN UNDERCARRIAGE. IN FACT THEY ARE NOT EVEN

PROVIDING A ONE-THIRD SHARE OF 1977 CARGOES TO US SHIPS.
EARLIER (STATE 043253) YOU INDICATED A DECISION HAD
BEEN MADE NOT TO LIMIT SOVIET PORT ACCESS SINCE THE
SOVIETS WERE SHIPPING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECEMBER
UNDERSTANDINGS. IS OUR POSITION THE SAME IN LIGHT OF THE
NEW INFORMATION? TOON

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